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In re application of:

Nguyen et al.

Serial No.: 09/768,665

Filed: January 24, 2001

Invention: System and Method for the
Handling of System Management
Interrupts in a Multiprocessor
Computer System

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 14, 2004

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In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2004, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including June 14, 2004. A fee in the amount of \$420.00 for a two-month extension of time is included. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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Withdrawal of Finality of Office Action

This response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2004, which was originally designated as being final. In response to the filing of a Request for Withdrawal of Finality of Premature Final Office Action, the Examiner withdrew the finality of the pending office action. The pending office action is therefore non-final in character.